

Danny R. Underwood II

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. (*Philosophy*) Rutgers University - New Brunswick (2017-2024)
“Prosecutors: Discretion, Distrust, and Corrective Transparency,” supervised by Alexander Guerrero (advisor), Douglas Husak, Howard McGary, Daniel Fryer

- With a graduate certificate in *Africana Studies* from Rutgers’ Africana Studies department.

M.A. (*Philosophy*) University of Missouri - St. Louis (2015-2017)

B.A. (*Philosophy*) University of Missouri - St. Louis (2013-2015)

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics and Applied Ethics, Africana Philosophy (Philosophy of Race)

Areas of Competence

Legal Philosophy, Moral Psychology

Publications

Book Review of Kwame Anthony Appiah, *As If: Idealization and Ideals* (Harvard University Press, 2017), *Ethics*, 130(2), 237–241. <https://doi.org/10.1086/705767>

Works in Progress

“Do you trust your local prosecutor?”

“Distrustworthy authority: public distrust, prosecutors, and the grand jury”

“Corrective transparency: public distrust and institutional reform”

“Grand juries and other tools of the prosecutor”

“Repairing ancient wrongs: arguments for and against Waldron’s supersession thesis”

“Compounding moral interest: a Boxillean appreciation account of ancient wrongs”

Public Philosophy

“Zooming Across Boundaries: Organizing a Reading Group during a Pandemic,” (with Alexander Tolbert), American Philosophical Association Blog, October 6, 2021, <https://blog.apaonline.org/2021/10/06/zooming-across-boundaries-organizing-a-reading-group-during-a-pandemic/>

Awards

- Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences - Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2023-2024)

Presentations

- “Distrustworthy Governance and Corrective Transparency”, Northwestern University’s Epistemic Reparations and Carceral Injustice Workshop Spring 2024 (refereed)
- “Introduction to the Ethics of Modern Warfare”, Rutgers Byrne seminar on Chemical and Biological Weapons (prof. Michael Shakarjian) Spring 2023 and Spring 2024 (invited)
- “Prosecutorial Duty to Disclose Negative Enforcement Decisions”, Pacific APA 2022 (refereed)

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor (responsible for course design and all aspects of course), Rutgers Philosophy

- *Current Moral and Social Issues*, Fall 2019
- *Introduction to Philosophy*, Spring 2020
- *Ethics of War and Conflict*, Spring 2021 (online), Spring 2023
- *Introduction to Ethics*, Fall 2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Rutgers Philosophy

- *Death, Dying and Public Policy*, Fall 2018
 - Primary Instructor: Frances Kamm
- *Introduction to Philosophy*, Fall 2020
 - Primary Instructor: Michael Glanzberg

Graduate Grader, Rutgers Philosophy

- *Introduction to Ethics*, Spring 2022
 - Primary Instructor: Richard Fry
- *Introduction to Philosophy*, Rutgers Philosophy, Fall 2020
 - Primary Instructor: Richard Fry

Instructor (in-person lectures), UMSL Philosophy

- *Business Ethics*, Fall 2016
- *Business Ethics*, Spring 2017

Instructor (online), UMSL Philosophy

- *Present Moral Problems*, Winter Intersession 2016
- *Bioethics*, Summer 2016
- *Present Moral Problems*, Winter Intersession 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant, UMSL Philosophy, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

- *Present Moral Problems*, Fall 2015
- *Critical Thinking*, Fall 2015

- *Bioethics*, Spring 2016
- *Critical Thinking*, Fall 2016
- *Business Ethics*, Fall 2016

Undergraduate Logic Tutor, UMSL Philosophy, Fall 2014 - Spring 2015

Service

Co-Organizer, *Rutgers/University of Pennsylvania Philosophy of Race Reading Group*, Fall 2017 - Present

Created and organized a weekly reading group and discussion series involving more than 80 philosophers, social scientists, and more: including Josh Cohen, Lawrence Blum, Tommy Curry, Derrick Darby, Leonard Harris, Sally Haslanger, Philip Kitcher, Noam Chomsky, and many more (full list available upon request).

Graduate Coordinator, Rutgers' Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Summer 2019, 2022

Helped coordinate on-site logistics and activities for a weeklong workshop to bring undergraduates from underrepresented groups into philosophy.

Graduate Panelist, Rutgers' Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Summer 2017 – Summer 2023

GSA Representative, Rutgers Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, Fall 2017 - Spring 2022

Vice President, UMSL Philosophers' Forum, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

References

Alexander Guerrero, *Professor*, Rutgers University

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